

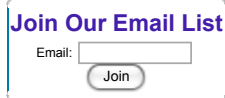


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## Featured Highlight

### Haiti Earthquake Appeal



#### Donate Now to Provide Emergency Relief in Haiti.

The United Church of Christ has launched an emergency appeal for Haiti after a major earthquake struck the country. Thousands of people are feared dead and countless have been left homeless.

Global Ministries personnel, **Kim, Patrick and Solomon**

**Bentrott** have reported in they are safe. As damage assessments are made and plans for relief, recovery and rehabilitation are developed, additional support will be shared. The need is massive. Updates will be posted at:

<http://www.ucc.org/disaster/>

The quake, measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale, struck 10 miles southwest of the capital just before 5pm local time on January 12.

It is still too early to know the full extent of the damage, but **One Great Hour of Sharing** is expecting very high loss of life, widespread destruction of homes, schools and other buildings, and major damage to key water, electricity and road systems.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** funds are being rushed to our Haitian partners to support their initial emergency response. As damage assessments are made and plans for relief, recovery and rehabilitation are developed, additional support will be shared. The need is massive.

#### How You Can Help:

1. Pray for the people of Haiti their leaders and emergency and humanitarian aid workers.
2. Please help the people of Haiti by sending gifts payable to your congregation marked for "OGHS - Haiti Earthquake Relief" with the request they be sent through your Conference office on to Wider Church Ministries.
3. Send gifts, made out to Wider Church Ministries and marked in the memo portion "OGHS - Haiti Earthquake Relief" to Wider Church Ministries; 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

OR

Make a secure online donation to the OGHS International Disaster Relief fund. <[https://secure3.convio.net/ucc/site/Donation2?df\\_id=1234&1234.donation=form1](https://secure3.convio.net/ucc/site/Donation2?df_id=1234&1234.donation=form1)>

Thank you for your compassion and support.

Peace,

Susan

**Susan M. Sanders**

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### Six Churches from the Southeast Conference join in a work camp at Back Bay Mission, Biloxi



Twenty-six individuals from six UCC churches in the Southeast Conference gathered in Biloxi, Mississippi in November to experience and share God's love. The team rehabbed homes, cooked and served at Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen, distributed food and clothing at the Mission office, and helped Back Bay prepare & wrap Christmas gift items for the homeless and other needy men, women, and children on the Gulf Coast. Members of the group

marveled at the sense of community that could bind together such a diverse group. Led by Connie and Bob Waidmann, Disaster Relief Coordinators for the Southeast Conference, the work camp was an expression of the DART (Disaster Assistance Relief Team) Ministries of the Conference.

**Robert Ahrendt** of Pleasant Hill wrote, "Often through the years people have asked - How can you believe in a God you cannot see? Well, I know we saw what God looks like on the week of work camp. God looks like the 26 people from different age, ethnic, racial, educational, talent and skill level, sexual orientation, interest, financial levels and religious backgrounds that were part of this weeklong work camp. God's hands look like blisters and paint, broken fingernails, other body parts bruised and all over-exhausted."

Some of the group worked on the home of an elderly couple in hopes of getting them back into it before Christmas. Several other homes were brought closer to completion. One of these is for an elderly woman who fishes with a net each day to give food to her neighbors and the other for a single mother of three children. It was a joy to meet and talk with the residents of the homes where the group worked. They shared their love and gratitude with members of our conference in many ways.

Other work camp activities included Wednesday night worship at a neighborhood Missionary Baptist church, a tour of the devastation and rebuilding in New Orleans, and fun evenings of cards and conversation.

Team members were from around the Conference. Churches from Atlanta included **First Congregational United Church of Christ, Open Community Church UCC, and Praxis UCC, all in the Atlanta area.** Churches from Tennessee included **Church of the Savior UCC, Knoxville; Holy Trinity Community UCC, Nashville; and Pleasant Hill Community Church UCC, Pleasant Hill.**

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